



WELLESLEYNATURAL
RESOURCESCOMMISSION

Insights from Outside

September 2020

Town Hall remains closed to the public during the COVID-19 emergency.
NRC and Wetlands staff are working remotely and are available.
Contact information is below.

Continue Masking-Up So *Wellesley Will... Be Well!*



Per State COVID-19 Guidelines, rules for masking and distancing remain in effect during this time. Please mask-up and keep appropriate distance from others when using town trails, parks, and fields, and when *coming and going* from athletic fields and in parking lots.

Visit the Town's revised [COVID-19 Information Hub page](#) which now includes even more information, including:

- Enhanced Wellesley-Specific Case Dashboard
- Link to Map of Average Daily Cases
- Test Site Locator Map.

Sign up for Town News and Announcements, Police alerts, and more [here](#).

Ready For Some Peace and Quiet? Attend:

Quiet, Healthy Yards

A Free Land Care Workshop

Via Zoom!



Do You Mow Your Own Lawn?
Do You Use a Landscaper?
Are You a Lawn Care Professional?

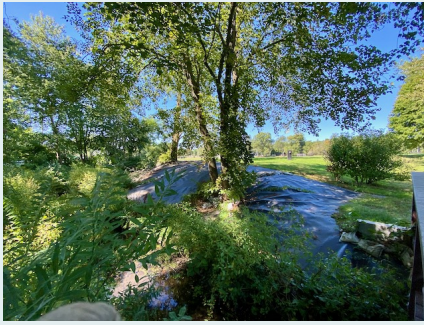
Learn about the health, environmental, and cost benefits of going electric at this Free Workshop presented by the **Town of Lexington** and the **Wellesley DPW**:

Quiet, Healthy Yards - A Residential Land Care Workshop

- Thursday, October 1
- 7:00 - 8:30pm
- *via Zoom*

- Learn how to choose and use tools
- See Live Demos
- Be eligible to win an electric tool
- Free and Open to the Public

Since You Asked...

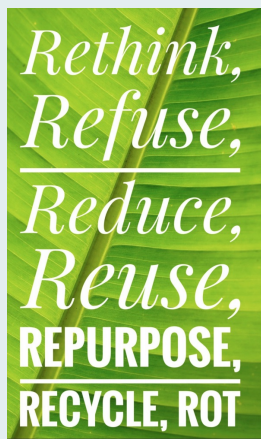


How long will the black plastic weed covering remain in place at Fuller Brook Park?

This will be an ongoing effort to remove the pervasive knotweed. The plastic will likely need to remain in place for some time to ensure that the root systems continue to die off. The knotweed has proven to be persistent, and premature removal of the plastic would undermine any progress made towards its eradication. In the meantime, Town professionals continue to evaluate new, non-chemical methods for effectiveness.

Do you have a question for the NRC? [Email it to us!](#)

Green Collaborative Wa\$te Wi\$e Wellesley Zero Waste Edition!



Take part in [Wa\\$te Wi\\$e Wellesley's Community Forum](#) to learn the latest in Zero Waste practices directly from Massachusetts industry experts, including our own Jamie Manzolini, Superintendent of our RDF!

• **Wednesday, September 30,**

• [Register here!](#)

[Click for more information](#) about this and the *It's Electrifying* workshop for Professional Groundskeepers.

In Case You Missed It



The recent discussion, *Leaf Blowers and Your Health: What's right for Wellesley?* can be [viewed here](#).

To Help Birds This Winter, Go Easy on Fall Yard Work



Photo: Laura Frazier/Audubon Photo

Messy is Better for Birds and Bugs!

Here's an [informative article](#) about ways to help wildlife survive the winter in our yards. And see our [Grow Green Wellesley page](#) for more ideas about creating habitat at home.

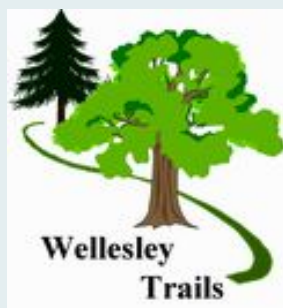
Also, a friendly reminder: Dumping of any kind, including yard waste, is not permitted on town park and conservation lands. See [Police Regulations, Article 49.2](#).

They're Back... Project Plastic USA Returns

- 9:00 am
- Free and Open to the Public
- [Zoom Registration here.](#)

[More info here!](#)

Trails and Green Spaces



NEW!! Self-Guided Trails!

Wellesley Trails Committee members have created new self-guided material for public enjoyment. Our ever-popular guided walks have been canceled due to COVID-19, but we hope you'll hit the trails on your own time in the weeks and months ahead using these [detailed guides](#) for:

- Boulder Brook Reservation Trail
- Centennial Reservation Trail
- Morses Pond Trail and
- Town Forest Trail.

Coming soon:

- the North 40 and
- Crosstown Trail at Route 9!

Please make sure to mask-up and keep socially distanced when on our trails, and everywhere. Visit the [Trails Webpage](#) for more information about how to explore our Town's open spaces, including the Interactive Trails Map.

Make Way for Pedestrians on the Duck Pond Bridge!

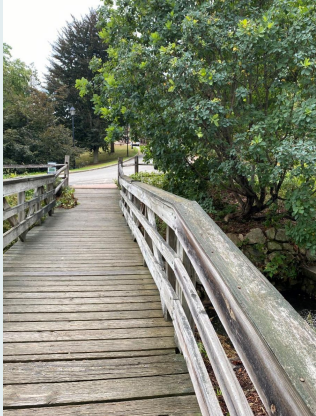


Thanks to WHS Student Vaani Kapoor and her [Project Plastic USA](#) cleanup crew, masked-up monthly cleanups have resumed after a COVID delay. Over a dozen bags of trash were collected within a small area after only an hour of work. "New and Notable" trash: masks and gloves, and of course hundreds of cigarette butts, which are made of plastic and are extremely toxic to wildlife.

Thank you, Project Plastic, for making a big impact on our environment.

Wellesley Residents: Be on the lookout for next month's cleanup details. All are welcome!

Introducing...

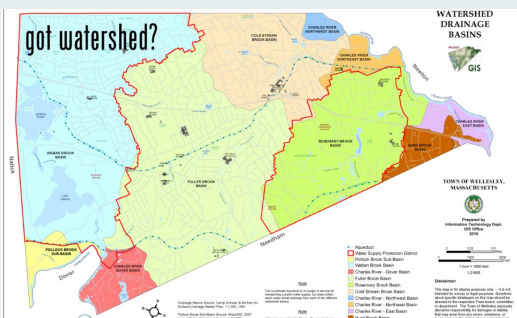


Reconstruction work is set to begin on the Duck Pond Bridge, located at the foot of Wakelin Way at Town Hall. In addition to providing safer passage, the new bridge will be ADA compliant. The DPW recently installed the erosion controls, temporary snow fencing and construction signage around the work area. Construction work is being done by contractor M.J. Cataldo, and is estimated to take a month to complete. Access to Town Hall via Wakelin Way will be maintained for the majority of the construction. (Please note that the two Handicap parking spaces adjacent to the bridge will be temporarily blocked by construction activities.) DPW will have staff on site to oversee the construction work.

Our thanks to the [Community Preservation Committee](#) and Town Meeting for authorizing Community Preservation Act Funds for this project.

[Contact](#) NRC Director Brandon Schmitt with any questions or concerns.

Outdoor Learning on the Great Outdoors!



Coming Soon: the NRC's Environmental Education and Outreach Program will be

Wellesley Volunteer Corps

Where People and Projects Connect

MAKE THE  CONNECTION

Natural Resources Commission

wellesleyma.gov/nrc

The Natural Resources Commission is proud to announce the formation of the Wellesley Volunteer Corps!

The Volunteer Corps (WVC) will connect civic-minded residents with town projects in need of volunteers!

Click on the [WVC page](#) to register as a volunteer or to list your project.

We're so excited to be able to support the amazing volunteers and projects in our town. We hope you'll make the Wellesley Volunteer Corps your source for community service.

Questions? Contact NRC Education and Environmental Coordinator [Lisa Moore](#).

Thank You Wellesley Recreation Department



Pictured above is Morses Pond on the last day of the 2020 Summer Season. It was a perfect beach day and a beautiful end to the summer MOPO season. With the special challenges brought about by the COVID 19 Pandemic we would like to

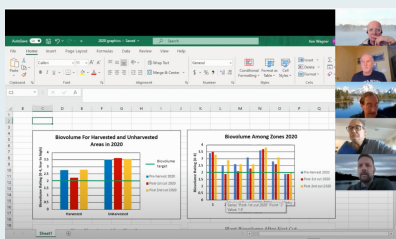
offering free environmental education enrichment classes on the Town Hall Green. Participants will learn about Wellesley's:

- pond life
- animal adaptations
- our watershed
- seasonal changes, and more.

All classes will require registration. Space will be limited in order to meet the State COVID-19 Guidelines, and participants will be required to wear face masks and practice social distancing. Watch for registration information coming soon!

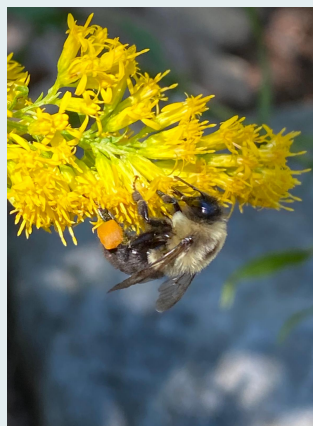
thank the [Wellesley Recreation Department](#) and Recreation Commission for providing safe, free and COVID friendly access to Moses Pond Beach and for hosting the Wellesley Summer Drive In Movie Nights. Thank you for thinking outside the box and coming up with opportunities for residents to safely enjoy the outdoors and socialize.

Friends of Moses Pond Management Update



The Friends of Moses Pond held their annual meeting via Zoom, with presentations by NRC Director Brandon Schmitt and Pond Manager Ken Wagner. Curious to know about phosphorous levels, the condition of the large harvester, ongoing projects and future initiatives? Read a recap of the meeting [here](#) and watch the meeting [here!](#) Moses Pond Annual reports can be found [here](#). We are grateful to partner with the Friends of Moses Pond in caring for this critical town resource. Thank you for your engagement.

Bee Well!



The Wellesley Natural Resources Commissioners and Staff wish everyone in our community a safe, healthy fall, and a successful school year!

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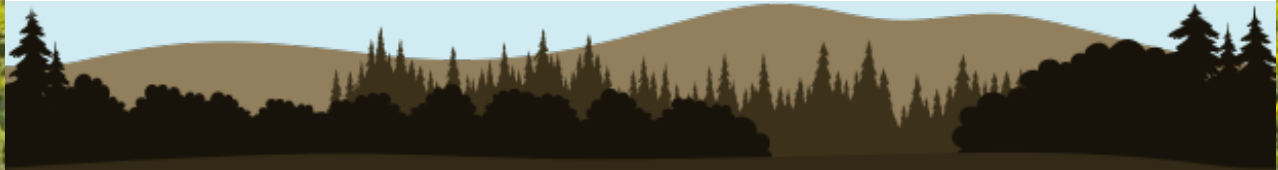
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MEETING CALENDAR

Agendas [are posted](#) 48 hours prior to meeting time.

Visit [Wellesley Town Web Page](#) for updated meeting dates and times.

Next NRC Meetings: Thursday October 8; Thursday October 22



Connect with us



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